

## Message Text

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TAGS: CDES, SP (LIMING, WILLIAM SINGLETON)  
SUBJ: INVESTIGATION OF DEATH, WILLIAM SINGLETON LIMING

REF: SEVILLE 0026

1. SENATOR THURMOND INTERESTED.
2. POST DID NOT MEAN TO IMPLY IN REFTTEL THAT INVESTIGATION BY SPANISH AUTHORITIES OF THE HOMICIDE OF MR. LIMING IS COMPLETE. ON THE CONTRARY, THE POLICE ARE STILL ACTIVELY PURSUING ALL LEADS AND THE SEARCH FOR THE GUILTY PARTY(IES) IS CONTINUING.
3. FOR DEPT'S INFORMATION, UNDER SPANISH LAW, THE CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO A JUDGE, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GATHERING ALL EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY THE POLICE AND FOR SETTING A TRIAL DATE, IF THE EVIDENCE SO WARRANTS. UNFORTUNATELY, NO ONE HAS YET BEEN ARRESTED FOR MR. LIMING'S MURDER, MAKING THE PROSPECTS OF A TRIAL SOMEWHAT PROBLEMATIC AT THIS STAGE.
4. THE RESPONSIBLE JUDGE HAS INFORMED POST UNOFFICIALLY, BY TELEPHONE, THAT A WRITTEN REQUEST BY POST FOR A COPY OF THE POLICE REPORT WILL BE DENIED. AS HE EXPLAINED, ACCESS TO THE CASE FILE WILL BE RESTRICTED UNTIL THE ENTIRE INVESTIGATION

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IS COMPLETED. THIS IS TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF POLICE SOURCES AND TO GUARD AGAINST THE UNWITTING DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HINDER THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION.

5. WHEN AN ARREST HAS BEEN MADE AND ALL EVIDENCE IS IN HAND, THE JUDGE WILL SET A TRIAL DATE AND AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AND LAWYERS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE ACCUSED AND ON

BEHALF OF THE DECEASED, IF SO APPOINTED, ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE CASE FILE. IF NO ARREST IS MADE, THE INVESTIGATION WILL PROCEED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME THE JUDGE, AT HIS OWN DISCRETION, MAY CONTINUE TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO THE FILE. AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS, THE FILE WILL BE RETIRED TO THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES.

6. POST IS WRITING LETTER TO SCS TO EXPLAIN OTHER ASPECTS OF CASE GLEANED FROM SPANISH WHICH BEAR ON DESIRABILITY OF RELEASING REPORT AT THIS POINT.FOUCHE

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